PROJECT TITLE

SPECIFICATIONS

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1. Specifications - General

1.1. The project leaders of PME Product Development now have the possibility to use SOPA's small EDP programme for the calculation of cigarette prototypes (size and weight).
Due to a user extension, they are also allowed to consult the cigarette specs (size and weight) of all the production centres and licensees.

1.2. The QA managers have been informed that the volume of 12.2060 MF-AC has to be brought back to the previous standard of 29 litres when ESTHER is not used in the blend. 31 litres of MF-AC are applied to blends containing ESTHER.

2. FTR Switzerland

- 2.1. Project specs have been established for a new brand, WEF WESTERN FILTER (FLORIDA-360). This American blend digarette, in a 20s soft pack, will be sold in the German-speaking part of Switzerland first of all.
- 2.2. Several packing specs have been modified as polypropylene film is required on packs and bundles exported to African countries.

3. PMG Germany

- 3.1. Processing specs have been produced for blend ML 030 Marlboro Standard, processed by PMG Berlin on behalf of PMH Bergen op Zoom.
- 3.2. The processing specs were modified for :
 - ML 025 LAG use of 4% ETNA (like ML 010 MLK-IT)
 - ML 026 LMB use of 4% ETNA (like ML 010 MLK-IT)
 - ML 012 MLN increase in ETNA rate from 2.2 to 4%
 - MG 005 MER-UK use of ETNA ex Munich instead of ex Serrières.
- 3.3. A new processing spec is available for IS 001 improved stems, manufactured by PMG Munich on behalf of PMH Bergen op Zoom.
- 3.4. The following cigarette-making specs were modified :
 - PMU 01 tobacco weight increase from 641 to 655 mg (same weight as PMS: 01 FR).

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- MLN 01)
- LMB 01) revised tobacco weight due to the change in
- LAG 01) blend composition
- 3.5. AIA 042 Arizona, sold in Germany, will be packed in a display carton instead of in bundle paper.

4. Licensees

4.1. Finland:

- A new packing spec BEO 301, Belmont Extra Mild in a hinge lid pack for duty free sales has been produced.
- New specs have been prepared for the licensee AMER. TUPAKKA OY Hyrylä, for the manufacture of L&M Filter Long Size LMB 09 (two versions: LMB 334 hinge lid pack for sale in Norway and LMC 303 soft pack for sale in Finland Up till now, this product has been manufactured by SUOMEN TUPAKKA OY, Helsinki but their contract will expire at the end of this year.

4.2. Hungary:

New complete specs were produced for the manufacture of MPM 01 Multifilter King Size Soft to be produced by the Tobacco Factory Eger, for sale in Hungary.

4.3. USSR :

The recipes and filter-making specs have once again been modified for project COSMOS.

5. PME Standard Recipes

5.1. PM Belgium's use of 66% invert sugar (10.0750) has been made official by adapting two recipes (ARK-PC and AVI-PC) and in addition a new recipe has been established (CD-4J-PC).

6. PME Material Specifications

- 6.1. Several sections of the "Usage of Material" reference book have been updated.
- 6.2. It is planned to abandon the definition of "PME digarette paper quality 006 or 004" etc as apparently it no longer corresponds to the actual situation in several cases. Discussions are pending to redefine the digarette paper status.
- 6.3. Several material specifications were submitted to the suppliers :
 - 2 specs for tows to Rhodiaceta, Germany
 - 1 spec for a filter to Baumgartner, Switzerland
 - 1 spec for cigarette paper to Ecusta, USA
 - 5 specs for tipping papers to Malaucène, France
 - 35 specs for tipping papers to Benkert, Germany

7. Specifications for EDP (AMAPS package from COMSERV)

A project team has been established and has been working since October 12, 1981. The first days following its creation were spent with the COMSERV representative in order to familiarize him with the PM organization and the tobacco industry.

A whole week was reserved for an initial training course for PM members of the team in order for them to become familiar with the AMAPS programme package.

Contact is now being made with several services of the FTR organization which will be involved in the project.

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